



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 7, 1998

S. 2097

Indian Tribal Tort Claims and Risk Management Act of 1998

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 1, 1998

S. 2097 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a survey to determine the degree, type, and adequacy of liability insurance coverage of Indian tribes. The bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report to the Congress by June 1, 1999, that recommends legislation to improve insurance coverage for Indian tribes and to otherwise provide relief to persons injured as a result of an official action of a tribal government.

Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), CBO estimates that implementing S. 2097 would cost \$1.2 million in 1999, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. This estimate assumes that BIA would contract with a private company to conduct the study and prepare the final report. S. 2097 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2097 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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